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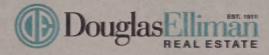
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On March 27, Dr. Covey, Medical Director of East End Laser Care in Southampton, Center Moriches and Manhattan, will tell you about the latest treatments that work...and even about

some that don't...at his new FREE "Spring Beauty" seminar, "New Cosmetic Procedures." Join us on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm at the Atlantis Banquets and Events Sea Star Ballroom in Riverhead. Wine and cheese will be served.

See how the unique *Infini* microneedling treatment dramatically reduces sagging skin on the neck and wrinkles on the face. And hear about the *NEW Exilis Ultra 360*, the latest advancement in nonsurgical body shaping, skin-lifting and wrinkle smoothing. Also, you'll learn about the *NEW Ultra Femme 360*, a painless nonsurgical treatment for women's intimate health and wellness, and you'll see how the revolutionary *Kybelia* treatment can get rid of that stubborn "double chin" for good, without surgery. See how wrinkles and folds, fat and cellulite, skin tone and texture, sagging and scars, frown lines, worry lines, brown spots, red spots, rosacea – and more -- can be corrected with minimal fuss and downtime.

Dr. Covey will talk with you about facial rejuvenation, body contouring, and other beauty treatments. You'll learn about the newest advances in *non-invasive* procedures, such as *Thermage CPT*, another nonsurgical treatment that lifts and contours sagging skin. You'll learn how the body sculpting treatment *SmartLipo Triplex* permanently removes fat. And, you'll hear about the groundbreaking *Cellulaze* treatment, which removes cellulite in one treatment.

Also, you'll learn about *Fraxel* and *Clear + Brilliant* laser treatments for skin resurfacing and tightening, brown spots, pigmentation and skin tone and texture. See how a *Liquid Facelift* instantly restores volume to sunken, deflated areas of your face. Also, learn how *Botox*, *Dysport*, *Restylane Defyne*, *Restylane Refyne*, *Restylane Silk*, *Restylane Lyft*, *Restylane*, *Voluma*, *Volbella*, *Juvederm*, *Radiesse*, *Belotero* and other natural fillers eliminate facial lines, plump up your lips and even reshape your nose.

In short, if you want to know about what's new in nonsurgical cosmetic treatments, this is your chance to find out. All designed to get you the look you'd like quickly, with no downtime. You'll *talk with Dr. Covey's actual patients* who have had remarkable results and *see Dr. Covey perform live Liquid Facelift and Kybella treatments*.

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Registration is necessary for this *FREE EVENT. Call (631) 878-9200 NOW* to register. <u>Don't Wait</u>, as seating is limited and is expected to be filled to capacity. Remember, this seminar will take place at the *Atlantis Banquets and Events Sea Star Ballroom*, located next to the Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center at 431 East Main Street in Riverhead on *Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm*. Wine and cheese will be served.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® breast cancer organization.

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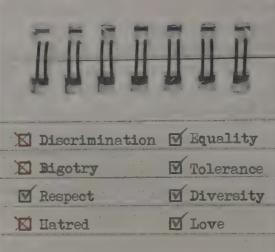
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St. Patrick's Day Parades

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St. Patrick's Day fun rages on across the East End throughout the month, but this weekend features two exciting parades taking place on the actual Irish holiday. Get out there and enjoy a day full of bagpipes, green clothes and pints of the black stuff.

At 11:55 a.m., the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce's annual 5k race, May the Road Rise to Meet Ye, begins at Finest Fitness (208 East Main Street). Runners will circle Patchogue Lake and finish in downtown Patchogue, where all participants 21+ will receive a complimentary beer. The **Patchogue** St. Patrick's Day Parade, led by Grand Marshal and Greater Patchogue Foundation Beautification Committee Chairman Paula Murphy, follows immediately after the race begins. *patchogue.com*

On the North Shore, the **Rocky Point–Miller Place** Friends of St. Patrick Parade kicks off at **1 p.m.** The parade is led by Grand Marshal John McNamara, a St. Mark's Parish youth minister and former Maria Regina High School teacher. Featuring bagpipers, marching bands, fabulous floats and the winners of the 2019 Queen and Court contest—Queen Jazmine Lang and Lady in Waiting Emily Hampson—the parade begins at 332 NY-25A, Miller Place and ends at 626 NY-25A, Rocky Point. *friendsofstpatrick.org*



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The Beatles' last recording session took place in 1969, and Bay Street Theater is celebrating its 50th anniversary with two chances to re-live the British superstars' classic songs. Prepare to dance all night long when the Moondogs, a seven-piece band made up of well-known local musicians, perform the albums *Let It Be* and *Abbey Road* in their entirety. Tickets to each show are \$30.

Bay Street Theater Bay Street, Sag Harbor 631-725-9500, baystreet.org



"KILLER BEES" SCREENING WITH FILMMAKERS MARCH 16, 1 P.M.

East Hampton Library welcomes filmmakers Benjamin and Orson Cummings for a screening of their Hamptons International Film Festival documentary, *Killer Bees*, which spotlights the famed Bridgehampton School basketball team while exploring issues of race, class and local history. A Q&A with the filmmakers follows. Free, but online registration required.

East Hampton Library 159 Main Street, East Hampton 631-324-0222 ext. 3, easthamptonlibrary.org



MONTAUK SEAL WALK
MARCH 16, 10 A.M.; MARCH 17, 11 A.M.

A New York State Park naturalist will lead visitors on a leisurely three-mile beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the way, there will be opportunities to see various winter birds and to explore marine geology. Meet at the concessions stand 10 minutes prior to start time, equipped with binoculars and hiking shoes. \$4 advance phone registration is required.

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CHALK ART OF LETTING GO MARCH 16, 3 P.M.

Join North Fork artist and *Takeover!* resident Kara Hoblin for a special encore of her popular Chalk Art of Letting Go class. Make your own chalk creation inspired by something in your life that you'd like to let go of. Attendees of all ages will each draw on a small chalkboard that will be therapeutically erased at the end of the session. Tickets are \$10.

Southampton Arts Center 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2019 MARCH 16, 10 A.M.

Hallockville Museum Farm and Suffolk County Historical Society present a lecture on Preserving the Fabrics of Your Life. In this class, taught by textile history expert Susan Jerome, guests will learn how to store and care for antique quilts, wedding dresses, tablecloths and other precious textiles that connect us to the loved ones who passed them down to us. \$25 advance phone registration is required.

Hallockville Museum Farm 6038 Sound Avenue, Northville 631-298-5292, hallockville.com



GET SMASHED WITH GALLAGHER MARCH 16, 8 P.M.

World-renowned comedy icon and prop comic Gallagher will perform his classic antics at Suffolk Theater, and things are going to get messy. Accompanied by his watermelon-smashing sledge-o-matic and comedian Artie Fletcher, Gallagher offers a night full of explosive, 18+comedy mayhem. The restaurant and bar open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$49 (\$59 for splatter zone).

Suffolk Theater 118 East Main Street, Riverhead 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

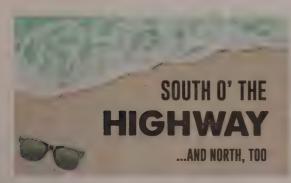


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Congratulations, **Jennifer Lopez!** The actress, singer and Water Mill resident became engaged to former New York Yankee **Alex Rodriguez** last weekend. The happy couple has been dating for two years.

Winners: Sag Harbor's Julie Andrews will be honored with the Golden Lion for Career Achievement at this year's Venice Film Festival in September. The Guild Hall 81st Artist Members Exhibition winners were honored last Saturday, March 9, in East Hampton. Winners included Mary Boochever, Amanda Church, Jeanette Martone, Stephanie Powell, Marsha Gold Gayer, Monica Banks, Barbara Dayton, Daniel Jones, Beth Lee and Julie Spain. Honorable mentions went to Check Baker, Geoff Kuzara, Joan Santos, Lindsay Morris, Linda Capello, Marilyn Church, Hilary Helfant and Darlene Charneco.

On the small screens: In an interview with News 12 last week, Hamptons regular Hillary Clinton shared that she'll be sitting out the 2020 presidential run, but will actively assist Democratic candidates. Clinton told Tara Rosenblum, "What's at stake in our country, the kind of things that are happening right now, are deeply troubling to me." Amagansett's Gwyneth Paltrow made a surprise appearance on Saturday Night Live last weekend. During "Weekend Update," Heidi Gardner plays a Goop employee who can't explain the contents of the company's new body wash. Her supervisor, played by Paltrow, comes on to help.

This week's cover painting by Sag Harbor artist **Michael Butler** is titled "Wind in Her Hair." Butler says "the moon and moonlight on water are always inspiring and evocative." We couldn't agree more.

Southampton resident **Howard Stern** kicked off a new radio show last Saturday. *Howard Stern's Saturday Soundtracks* features music by singers who have performed live on *The Howard Stern Show*. Stern has also announced that his new book, *Howard Stern Comes Again*, will be released on May 14.

World famous cartoonist and beloved Sag Harborite **Gahan Wilson** needs your help. His wife Nancy Winters passed away on March 2, so he must now relocate. His stepson **Paul Winters** has set up a gofundme page to collect money for Wilson's memory care and to get him re-settled. Read more on DansPapers.com.

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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of March 14–20, 2019 Riders this past week: 38,813 Rider miles this past week: 98,723

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Lovebirds Harry Macklowe and his new bride were seen canoodling Sunday morning on the subway heading east from Bridgehampton toward East Hampton. Gwyneth Paltrow was seen going from car to car on the subway between Southampton and Shinnecock handing out samples from Goop. Walter Isaacson, with a case of Champagne on his lap, was sitting on the subway going eastbound from Noyac to Sag Harbor.

COFFEE

As we reported last week, a new coffee company was found handing out free cups of the hot brew on our Southampton platform last Thursday without our permission. Although we put a stop to it, we've now learned that the giveaway was part of a study done by scientists at New York University's cognitive department determining the effects of caffeine on subway car loading. The

results are out and reveal that subways load up 24% faster when coffee is involved. But it does make a mess.

MOTORMAN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Two Fridays from now is the day when all the subway drivers—the motormen—have their annual party and retreat at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa. Volunteer to be a motorman that day by stopping into Hamptons Subway headquarters in Hampton Bays for an interview. Lots of kids volunteer for this, but you have to be over four feet five inches to be able to see out the window of the motormen's lead car. We'll be measuring you up. Must be available that day for either the 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift or the 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift. You'll be standing the whole time.

PROMOTION GONE WRONG

Our new marketing director, Amos Finch, held a one day promotion last Friday where anyone with a special coupon could buy a \$40 subway swipe card at the Southampton token booth for just one \$20 bill. Unknown to Finch, the Subway police had that token booth under surveillance, hoping to catch a group of counterfeiters who were passing bogus \$20s there. When the coupon people lined up with their \$20s out, the police pounced. It didn't end well.

WAINSCOTT STATION TO BE EXTENDED

Subway officials voted last Thursday to extend the Wainscott Station by 30 feet. That station was built in 1965 when Wainscott "came of age," but due to an error in the building plans, it was found that the platform length could only accommodate six cars at a time instead of the necessary seven. Though most people are familiar with the "double stop" at Wainscott where the train stops once to unload then pulls up 30 feet to stop again, we still get complaints about it from those not in the know. The cost of jackhammering out the insides of the tunnel on the eastern end of the platform will be great but we think it will be worth it in the end. The project is expected to be completed by 2021. In the meantime, use the western side of the existing platform for boarding the trains, which will now do a "triple stop" to accommodate the additional cars that won't fit on the reduced sized platform during the construction.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Next week, at the request of President Trump, I am off to Pyongyang, North Korea to advise the authorities there about the joys of having a subway system there in the capital city. Mr. Trump has already given me a pencil sketch on an existing map he made showing the route he thinks would be best for it, though the decision in the end, of course, will be made by his friend, the Great Leader.



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POLICE GET THE MESSAGE

Citing an unprecedented drop in calls received in 2018, the Hamptons Police Department is planning to adopt a new, voice message—based approach to dealing with incoming calls.

The decision follows an analysis of year-overyear emergency call volume to the Hamptons Police dispatch. "Last year, the volume of calls dropped dramatically," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "We honestly had a bunch of people sitting around waiting for calls and practically nothing coming in, and we said 'What are we paying these people for?'" Hirsch notes that the emergency dispatchers are paid full-time salaries plus benefits, and that "mostly they just fart around on the internet."

Seeing an opportunity to repurpose the money that would otherwise be paid to the dispatchers, the Hamptons Police has invested in a voice-messaging system that will prompt the few callers who actually call in to leave a message with the department. "This isn't like voicemail, so don't freak out," says Hirsch. "This is a system that records calls and, using sophisticated programming, determines how serious the situation is." If the software determines that a situation is dire, says Hirsch, then the system immediately alerts officers who then follow up on the information. "On the other hand, if it's a cat stuck in a tree, the system holds off on informing the officers until there's a lull."

By implementing the new system and eliminating the dispatchers, the Hamptons Police will free up close to \$200,000, which Hirsch notes will go to satisfying outstanding needs within the department. "Right now, we've got a proposal out to upgrade the pool and spa facilities at our Montauk Police Recreational Center," says

Hirsch. "It would be nice to expedite that work to have a chance to reopen the pool before the middle of summer, and that's going to require some ready cash."

The dispatchers, for their part, have not been too outspoken in their complaints about the elimination of their positions, as some hope to be reassigned within the department. But they clearly disagree with the decision. "This is the worst idea ever," said one current dispatcher who expects to be let go after the new system is in place. He spoke on the condition of anonymity. "I mean, if you're in any kind of emergency situation and you call in and you get transferred to voicemail, you're going straight into panic mode. I suspect that most of the voicemails received will be frightened people hyperventilating. This is a crazy, unworkable plan. It will be a total disaster."

Hirsch, for his part, dismissed the criticism and noted that the dispatchers naturally would rail against the loss of their "cushy" jobs.

Read Hamptons Police Blotter on DansPapers.com





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Westhampton Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019

Grand Marshal Aram Terchunian, owner of First Coastal Corp, led the annual Westhampton Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade through the village on Saturday, March 9, as a sea of green-clad spectators waved and smiled. "Dawg Days of Summer" was the theme of this year's parade, so many four-legged friends joined in the festivities. Photographs by Barbara Lassen

Empty Bowls 10th Anniversary Event On Sunday, March IO, Project MOST held their IOth anniversary Empty Bowls event in Amagansett. Volunteers served delicious soups donated by more than 30 local chefs and restaurants. Colin Ambrose of Estia's Little Kitchen in Sag Harbor was presented with an Empty Bowl Award for his unconditional support of the program. Photographs by Hailey Burling 4

I. Colin Ambrose of Estia's Little Kitchen receives the Empty Bowl Award 2. Project MOST Executive Director Rebecca Morgan Taylor and Development Director Susan Hanley

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Say Goodbye

After 44 Years, This Year's Hamptons Cat Float Might Have Been Its Last



BY DAN RATTINER

N early 900 vans and trailers arrived last Friday afternoon at the East Hampton Airport to attend the 44th annual Hamptons Cat Float. Inside were approximately 4,000 excited participants with their 900 cats, franks and burgers, beer coolers, BB guns, helium balloons, binoculars, blankets, folding chairs and barbecue grills and the obligatory boom box radios unique to this event. Friends were made. Dinners were cooked up. Then everyone, excited about what was to come, tried to get some sleep before getting up at the crack of dawn on Saturday.

The first Hamptons Cat Float took place in 1975, when farmer Ezekiel Brown and some of his friends launched their cats over the Brown potato field in Sagaponack. The animals, suspended from helium balloons, seemed to enjoy it. In recent years, the Cat Float has moved from the farm to the airport. It takes place on the first sunny Saturday after the Sag Harbor-HarborFrost, which happened this year on February 23. Obligingly, the airport shuts down at noon on Friday, when the first trailers arrive and stays shut until Sunday morning.

Saturday is quite the day. On that morning at 7 a.m., just after sunrise, the Cat Float begins as a salute cannon atop the airport terminal is fired. With that, each cat, in colorful silk ribbon harness, is attached to the end of a rope attached to a helium balloon to be launched off to wherever the winds might take them. This year's event had the largest turnout ever, probably because this year's Cat Float might prove to be its last.

This reporter walked in the pre-dawn stillness along the rows of vans and SUVs parked alongside Runway 52 an hour before the cannon shot. It was 48°, with wind gusts of seven miles an hour. I spoke to some of the cat floaters whose doors were open with their lights on inside at that hour.

"It's a sad day for cat floaters," said Barbara Renfrew of Casper, Wyoming, who along with her husband came out onto the tarmac to talk to me. Both were in their 60s. "As we do every year, we drove our trailer all the way to attend this event, which we love so. It's a three-day drive. If they shut it down, so be it, but it will hurt a lot of cat floaters. And a lot who are not cat floaters."

"This is what's wrong with America," her husband, Cal, commented.

Their gray tabby, Hector, appeared at the trailer door to see what was going on and slunk around sadly in the doorway. Cats have great instincts, and even when they are excited and happy for their upcoming flights, swishing their tails back and forth, they know when things are going wrong.

We spoke with Allison Bankovitz and her husband, Theo, retirees in from Lake Havasu, New Mexico. They were eating breakfast inside their trailer, but with the door open. Their cat was having his breakfast, too, right on the table with them. I wasn't invited in, but they talked to me as I stood in their doorway.

"We won one of the First Prizes seven years ago," Allison said.

"What was it?"

"A silver cup. I still have it. Only 10 people got silver cups at the awards ceremony."

"We'll do it again," her husband chimed in. He was softly scratching their cat's back as he ate.

Forty-five minutes before the cannon shot, we were up in the airport tower with Airport Director Willis Claiborne.

"The aircraft owners don't like it," he said. "But they understand. It's been going on since 1975,



after all. You can't stop a tradition such as this. And it's just one weekend."

"But now the Town has banned helium balloons," I said. "It's a decision to save the environment. No more party balloons can be released above the Town."

"Well, that will do it," said Claiborne with a sigh.
"It survived objections from environmentalists, it survived objections from the FAA, from people living near the airport, from the ASPCA. To tell the truth, I've liked this event very much."

The sun peeked over the horizon at 6:40 a.m., bathing the entire scene in a sharp morning light. Twenty minutes to go. What a scene. The trailers were side-by-side for the entire mile of Runway 52. The helium balloons, all 900 of them, floated 10 feet up in a long line on the runway, held down by ropes whose ends were under the identical Cat Float bricks that everyone had been issued. Smoke from the morning bacon and sausages on the barbecues wafted into the air on the slightest breeze.

Off in the distance, along the wire fence that borders the airport, the Army marksmen, six of them, were now out of their vehicles and into their sharpshooter positions. Those floating cat balloons that might go over the fence and above the trees off the airport property without being brought down by the entrants with their beebee guns would be dealt with by a single, accurate marksman's shot. Overhead, circling, was the spotter plane to guide the marksmen, and also to shoo away any aircraft approaching the airport who, in spite of all the publicity, were unaware of the temporary closing.

With 10 minutes to go, the entrants emerged

from their trailers, shouting and cheering and carrying their cats swishing their tails, now in their silk ribbon harnesses sporting the names of the owners and the phone numbers to call—written in magic marker—should the balloons get away, which has happened before. The clicking sound of so many cat harnesses getting secured to the ropes was audible, even from this distance. The cats love the launch. Maybe not the first time—for the newbies, anyway—but as soon as they are up, they love floating along, looking at other cats and looking down, and from then on it's just eagerness once a year. And wherever they are around the country, they sense when that time approaches. Really.

A loudspeaker in the tower counts down the time. FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE... And then *kaboom*, the cannon is fired, a single shot, the entrants lift the bricks and off the cats go.

Have you ever been to this and seen this great army of cats, floating up into the sky above East Hampton Airport beneath their colorful helium balloons? Four thousand people roar their approval, and in the swirling wind above the runway the helium balloons float this way and that, occasionally causing two cats to bump, emitting audible purrs.

The cats drifted around up there for an hour, the required time, and then, one by one, their balloons were hit by gunfire—no cat has ever been injured, of course—and with that the cats floated back down to the airport property, with the exception, as happens every year, of a few that float off to God knows where.

Claiborne tells me about it as he watches

one balloon become a speck and disappear over Sagaponack.

"Used to be there were a dozen or more that came back down elsewhere, in people's backyards, in trees, down by the beach. The owners would be just a phone call away. New friendships were made. The whole community loved being part of this"

"We did lose a few," I said.

"Yes, we did. Averaged maybe two a year. But we just considered that the cat found a new home. Had to be. No cat ever was seen flying over the ocean. So, yes, there were tears. But owners were always philosophical. They'd recover, and there were new cats."

"And this might be the last one."

"Yes," Claiborne said. "I think the helium balloon ban makes sense, but that they denied a requested exception for the Cat Float could only be explained by the changing times. There are so many summer people now who just like the privacy of being in their mansions and don't want some cat under a balloon floating down on their tennis court."

The awards ceremony took place in the airport terminal as the sun began to set at 7 p.m., and most people stayed for it. Hot apple cider was served. The engraved silver cups were given out, the winning cats held aloft. There were more cheers, but also some tears.

And then, after that, final family meals were held along the runway—runway lights were turned on as a courtesy—and soon after that, as night fell, the great caravan of trailers set out through the entry gate and out onto Daniels Hole Road for the trip home.

(With thanks to Daniel Koontz)











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Holiday Manipulation

Southampton Changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and...



BY DAN RATTINER

he Southampton School District has I made it a priority to stay in the forefront of the political correctness movement. About five years ago, they ordered the high school to no longer choose the valedictorian to make the commencement speech at graduation. Every student is a star at Southampton, and to single one out based just on grades was unfair to others. And so, instead, they decided a committee of students, teachers and administrators would choose which student. or students, would speak at graduation, with the criteria to include not only grades but also afterschool activities, school achievements and other less defined attributes-maybe it would be someone popular, smart and polite who comported themselves well. Anyway, it would be by committee. It still is.

A year or two later, the Southampton School District took a hard look at Columbus Day. As a result, they changed the name of the holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day, declaring it should be a day to remember all the people oppressed by what Columbus did and less about what this explorer did. And now, last week, there has been a further revision. After due consideration, it's been ruled that the new name for the holiday is to be Indigenous Peoples/Italian Heritage Day. It's a mouthful, but get used to it. It seemed unreasonable to some to simply deplore what Columbus did after his long dangerous voyage across the Atlantic without stating that Columbus's activities are no indication that all people of Italian descent should be held accountable.

I mention this because on Thursday, the House

of Representatives passed a resolution that was intended to condemn anti-Semitic speech and behavior but wound up, after a lot of piling on, becoming a resolution condemning not only anti-Semitism but also persecution and bigotry against Muslims, Latinos, Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders, Hindus, the LGBTQ community and other marginalized groups.

It passed, 407–23. Our congressman, Lee Zeldin, was one of the "No" votes. Whatever. Now it's on to the Senate.

Anyway, it's good to see Southampton at the forefront of these things. Even though their sport teams still wear shirts that say they are the "Mariners."

SINKING INTO DICTATORSHIP

We are entering the early stages of a dictatorship. It is happening quietly, slowly. Nobody is running around shouting the sky is falling. But Democrat or Republican, be aware of what this looks like.

When the First World War in Europe ended, also ending was the age of leadership by kings and queens. From the ashes of that war, many citizens of these countries, enamored of their new political power, pitched in to make a difference. They joined socialist parties, communist parties, fascist parties, democratic parties, worker parties. From among them came charismatic speakers and beloved leaders, many of whom said they could punish those who caused all the problems and make a new day of happiness for everybody. Thus arose dictators Stalin, Ataturk, Mussolini, Franco, Tito and Hitler.

Hitler, in particular, stands out not only because he was a young, spellbinding speaker, but also a crafty politician. In the 1920s, his party was just a splinter party in a parliamentary government, but people swooned over him and soon he was running for office and receiving 20% of the vote. His enemies were the French, English and the others arrayed against Germany in that First World War, supporters of the draconian treaty that sent Germany spiraling into debt over the objections of the hapless German leadership—also communists, gypsies and Jews, all troublemakers he wanted out of Germany if he were to take over.

He never did get more than about 38% of the vote in national elections as time went by. Some people were excited, others alarmed, but when the big financial depression hit in 1929 and things worsened, he made his move. With another minority party, he was able to form a government, accepting the title of Chancellor after making the promise to the aging German president that he would always respect the multi-party system and never do anything by force.

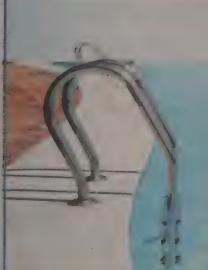
In February 1933, a mentally ill man burned down the Reichstag, where the German Parliament met. The country was in shock. Surely the Parliament would be able to find another place to meet. Instead, Hitler declared a national emergency and dissolved Parliament. He claimed the Communist Party started the fire. He arrested Communists, Jews and members of the political party that he had joined with to make his majority government. And that was that. The people loved it. They'd follow him anywhere. He took the title of "Chancellor and Fuhrer (Leader)," and a few months later, dropped the Chancellor part. You know what happened after that.

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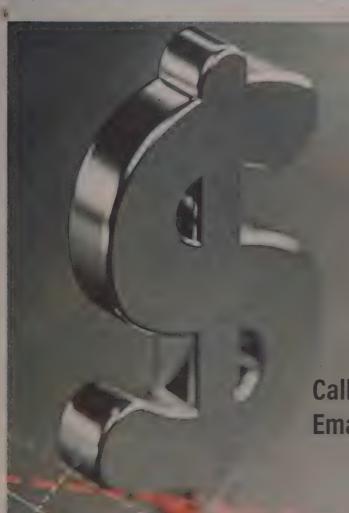


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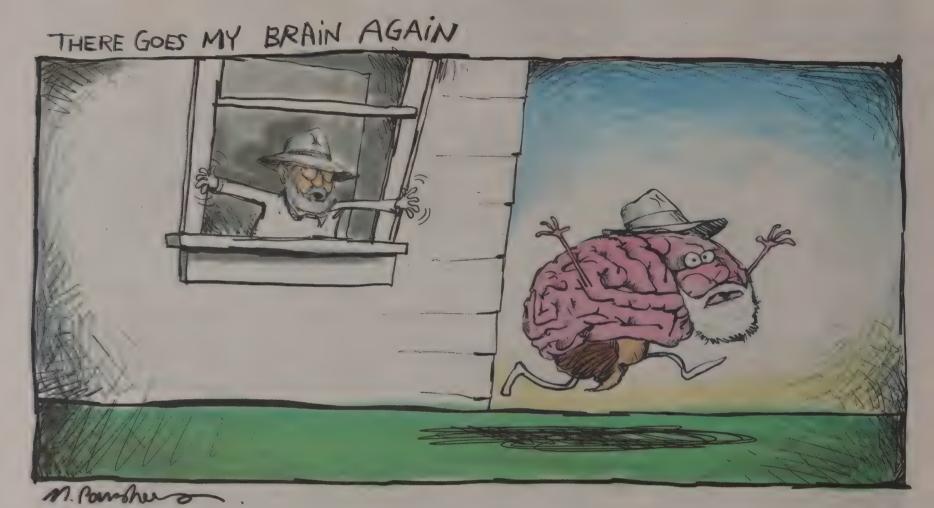
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Mind Games

A Trek from the Living Room to the Kitchen to the Dining Room to the Library



BY DAN RATTINER

M y wife wanted me to tell this story.
Sitting at my desk in the living room on a dark, rainy night, I was attending to a very large stack of unopened mail. We'd been away for 10 days. I'd been at it for more than an hour. My wife was sitting on the sofa nearby, reading. A fire flickered in the fireplace.

Envelopes with stamps on them were now in a stack up in one corner of the desk, ready for the morning when I'd walk them out front to the mailbox for pickup. I'd slide them in, flip up the red metal flag and the postman would oblige. On the desk was another stack, a larger, messier stack, for the junk mail.

Halfway through, I used my last stamp. But I knew where there were more. They were in the top drawer of a buffet in the dining room. I'd fetch them. And it was this journey that my wife had urged me to write about.

I stood up, picked up the junk mail and, because the fireplace was on the way, threw it in. It flared and whooshed comfortingly.

Proceeding along, I entered the kitchen, went around the counter and into the dining room. Immediately when I opened the door, I noticed that the chandelier over the dining room table was brightly lit. It shouldn't have been on, but

I was glad it was. It would light my way into the library beyond.

I shuffled along. I was in my socks. The floor of the dining room is bricks that were set over wires when installed. You'd turn a dial by the light switch and the bricks would warm. But they no longer did that. I have to get that fixed one of these days, or if the estimate is astronomic, just forget it.

I shuffled into the library, flicking a switch to light up the room as I entered. The library is such a mess. Boxes filled with memories. Books not put away. One entire wall of shelves holds tall black volumes filled with back issues of *Dan's Papers*, in order. I started the paper back in 1960. There are 161 black volumes. Volume 162 was laid out in a window seat, half full, awaiting the next issue I'd bring home on Friday.

I stopped. What was it I was supposed to get, anyway? I stood there and looked around. There's a day bed. A Franklin stove. A wooden stepladder. Several easy chairs. Raindrops pattered on the windows. What I was supposed to get would jump out at me. I knew it would. I stood still.

I've often thought that when I walk into a room and can't remember why, it's a sign of impending Alzheimer's. But when it happens and I tell my wife about it, she says I'm pretty sharp and everybody has that problem. Fact is, it happens about once a month to me, and most of the time, in the end, it comes to me. So that is not too often. I gave the library one last chance. Nothing.

I recall the time—this is really funny—when I was at the office until 3 a.m., working with staff to get the paper out. This was years ago, before computers. Back then, we pasted galley sheets of stories onto boards, slid them into a big envelope and gave them to a driver to take to the printer in Long Island City. Since computers, you finish up, press a button and *bang*, it's there. It still amazes me.

I'd driven about halfway home that night when a cop turned on his flashing lights and pulled me over. I gave him my license and registration. He knew who I was. You're wandering all over the road, he said. Was I impaired? Had I been drinking? I told him I hadn't been drinking but was impaired. It had been a 13-hour day and I could hardly see straight. But the paper was out, I was exhausted and happy and I'd get home. Always did. He thought about it and then said he'd give me an escort the rest of the way home, and he did. That was very kind of him.

I left the library, padded across the dining room bricks and through the kitchen to my desk in the living room. There I saw the envelope, addressed but without a stamp. Oh, that's what it was.

"What's so funny?" my wife asked.



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Big Dogs

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BY DAN RATTINER

DURYEA'S

arc Rowan, co-founder of the private equity firm Apollo Global Management and worth over \$3 billion according to Forbes, bought Duryea's Lobster Deck a few years ago. For about a century before, this was a lobster wholesale business and icehouse without any retail space. By the time Rowan got it, it had become a take-out lobster bar with a few tables and chairs on an outside dock in disrepair, where, if you requested it, waiters and waitresses would bring you your order on paper plates. The retail and wholesale business were now minimal. The several buildings on this property were historic, the location faced the sunset over water, and it was just a wonderful thing to go down there for a lobster roll and fries and a nice beer. It was also surrounded by residential homes, at least on the north side, and also across the street, where Rowan also bought some property.

In 2015, Rowan proposed to tear the whole thing down and rebuild it as a 6,360-square-foot restaurant seating 100 inside and 50 outside. As many as 350 customers could potentially be there at any one time.

Since the place had no zoning for a restaurant and had been only categorized for takeout as an accessory to its retail-wholesale business, it remained to be seen how it could be converted into a restaurant, particularly one of a size that would rival Gosman's over at Montauk Harbor.

Plans and lawsuits shot back and forth over the next three years. But then two weeks ago, a settlement was reached. According to the *Independent*, Rowan will get almost everything he asked for in exchange for not letting his dock be used for a ferry service from elsewhere, although it could still be used as a drop-off point for launches from ships anchored offshore, opponents believe.

The agreement gets around the lack of a restaurant designation by declaring that what is proposed is simply take-out service, but with waiters and waitresses to be employed to bring out food under a clause in the Americans with Disabilities Act that says customers requiring assistance or having any other condition can be provided with such wait-table services upon request. The word "restaurant" is never used, the report says.

The deal has now been agreed to, all the lawsuits back and forth have been dropped, and it seems in spite of additional yelling and complaining by some, particularly town councilman Jeffrey Bragman, it's done.

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THAT SOUTHAMPTON HOUSE PLAN

S cott Shleifer is a partner in Wall Street firm Tiger Global. *Institutional Investor* estimates that last year he earned an income of \$260 million on his deals. Mr. Shleifer wants to build a big project in the estate section of Southampton by combining two adjacent oceanfront parcels to give him more room. His main house, if it gets approved, would be 14,561 square feet. He also is asking to get approval for an adjacent 5,055-square-foot guesthouse.

Members of a social group in Southampton called the Southampton Association often, by vote in their group, offer their approval-or, more often, disapproval-of such plans before the Village Board. Back in the bad old days, only those of a certain persuasion were accepted in this tight historic community. There were even clauses in the deeds of some of these properties saying that they could not be sold to individuals from certain minority groups. As it has happened, in 2016, objections were raised about the application of Mr. Shleifer by, among others, Susan Stevenson who is now the Chairwoman of the Southampton Village Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation, while at the same time she was a member and treasurer of the Southampton Association.

As this project continues to bounce around through the various boards and courts, a recent demand by Mr. Schleifer's attorney declares that Ms. Stevenson, because of her affiliation with the Southampton Association, should recuse herself from Mr. Schleifer proposal to the Board of Architectural Review, as her appearance on that board is a conflict of interest with her other activities at the Southampton Association. To this writing, Ms. Stevenson has not recused herself.

In 2017 the project got the go-ahead from the board, but then a lawsuit protesting this was filed, claiming that, according to the *Southampton Press*, in the approval process it was stated that the size of the house was appropriate for the parcel under zoning, although no consideration was given to its square footage. The lawsuit, which resulted in a judge overturning that approval, caused it to be sent back for further review.

HARRY MACKLOWE

I t is not often that very rich people like to have their private lives hung out to dry, but developer Harry Macklowe of East Hampton personally did exactly that a few days ago by causing a photograph of himself and his new wife to be displayed 42 feet tall on the side of one of the skyscrapers he owns in Manhattan. The feat made the front page of the New York Post on Thursday.

In the past, Harry Macklowe famously battled with neighbor Martha Stewart about some shrubbery that separates their two homes in East Hampton, a fight that became public when Ms. Stewart was accused, a few years later, of backing into one of Macklowe's gardeners with her Grand Cherokee (she denied the accusations, and the DA's office said it did not have enough to press charges). Now he is letting the world know this: His divorce is indeed final. He's all right. His then-estimated \$2 billion reportedly was roughly split down the middle, with his now ex-wife getting \$1 billion and he the other billion. They were married for 57 years.

Harry is moving on. As it's signed and sealed,

there is Harry, age 81, up there next to his new wife for everybody to see, and they are both smiling down. It's particularly poignant because his ex-wife, *The New York Times* writes, had, at one time, refused to take an apartment in that building. The *Post* headlined "The Height of Spite" on its front page, and on page 8, went with the headline "An Old Goat's Towering Gloat." Mr. Macklowe is almost old enough to be his new wife's father (she's 64).

With the ink on the divorce now dry, the photos went up on Tuesday on the side of the building at Park and 56th Street, which has been billed as the tallest residential tower in the Western Hemisphere. His love for Patricia Landau is THAT big. And two days later, they got married in an outsized wedding in Manhattan.

SLOPPY TUNA

The successful restaurant and bar known as the Sloppy Tuna in Montauk is owned by four men who once all worked for Seaport Global Securities, a Wall Street firm. They bought Sloppy Tuna in 2011, but by last year there were so many lawsuits flying around among the four of them about what amount each owned, occupancy rights, ownership of the trademark and other points that a judge declared it should be operated by a court-appointed receiver until it could all be sorted out. Last week, a judge ruled that from now on, all four owners—Michael Meyer, Stephen Smith, Michael Meagan and Drew Doscher—will each be getting exactly 25% of the business going forward.

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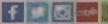
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East End Wedding Spotlight

Cakes, Catering and Creating a Wedding All Your Own

Planning a wedding can be a rewarding and exciting experience, even with the many little details that come up along the way. East End wedding experts are here to help, with advice on everything from food to theme and more.

What are a few aspects of wedding planning that people don't often consider?

Be very clear on what you want your day to look and feel like. Do not simply agree with others' suggestions. Think through what you want and express it clearly. Do not assume that anyone else has the same vision as you do, be certain that your vision is clear, crystal clear.—Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made

Many of our couples struggle with understanding the day-of timing for a wedding. Most people have a difficult time conceptualizing the timeline of a wedding reception. When you reserve your wedding at a Lessing's venue, we guide each couple through the entire process from planning to event production.—Russ Moran, General Manager and Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aqueboque

What are some common wedding-planning mistakes you've encountered?

Don't try to change a location to something it's not intended to be. Don't try to force a feeling that doesn't come naturally to the space. Create an amazing space by utilizing what's there, rather than masking it.—Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made



GOING TO THE CHAPEL

Communicating with the vendors and the venue. We work hard to create the perfect day, but often we receive key details at the very last minute from couples, despite our best efforts. We always recommend that couples keep a record of all vendor phone numbers and contact information to submit to the venue to keep all communication and important details in sync.—Russ Moran, General Manager and Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aquebogue

What are some ways to make a wedding celebration uniquely "East End?"

Location for one—beaches, vineyards, farmland, historical properties, all worth looking into, all embody that East End feeling. Use what's here, what's freshest, what's in season. Don't be so rigid with your menu so as not to be able to incorporate, or replace, something

last minute that may not have been available the week prior. Decide more on flavor profiles and broader menu items, like fish, allowing the chef to procure what he feels is the best option at the moment.—Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made

Locally sourced food is our specialty at The Vineyards. We are known for our Farm to Table station, as well as our effort to incorporate locally sourced foods into all of our menus. We have a hand-drawn chalkboard map of the East End hanging in our cocktail room highlighting our local farmers and fishermen who provide us with these products weekly.—Russ Moran, General Manager and Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aquebogue

What's the most surprising request you've had from a couple?

The evening before a wedding, the bride had a change of heart and wanted to change the entire style in which the food was offered, people were seated and served. She had planned and contracted for an elaborate cocktail, grazing menu, and decided last minute that in actuality she wanted a fully seated served meal. Was it the easiest of changes, absolutely not! Did we make it happen, absolutely! Make your day what you want it to be, not what you think others want it to be.—Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made

One of the most surprising requests we received was to have a live aerialist perform throughout the reception, while pouring Champagne! We worked with the company on ceiling (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)





East End Wedding Spotlight

Experts (CONTINUED FROM PPREVIOUS PAGE)

height and proper insurance. The guests were amazed. It was definitely a unique touch.—Russ Moran, General Manager and Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aquebogue

We had a July wedding in which the bride wanted a winter white wedding she had dreamed of since she was a child. Normally this request would have been looked at as a joke, but, serving the Hamptons for as long I have, no request is ever too out of the ordinary. Complete with real snow, ice bars and lounge serving trays, arctic centerpieces, just about everything that you see or touch was taken from a winter fairy tale—a real, true winter white wedding. Logistics were truly pushed that day and the final production was amazing.—Joseph Longo, Seasons of Southampton

Because I specialize in cake sculptures, I've made everything from honeymoon-dressed sharks to standing guitars to a wave carrying a pearl. A recent request was a crispy rice treat three-tiered cake with chocolate ganache and marshmallow cream!—Jerri Montillo, Jerri's Cakery & Confections

How has your approach changed with more requests for dietary restrictions?

As much as possible, we attempt to accommodate most eating preferences and be aware of the difference between life choices and true allergies. You can only know so much about your guests' eating habits and those with actual concerns will plan accordingly. —Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made

Catering to dietary restrictions has become the norm. It's less of an approach and more of providing

good customer service. People are much more health conscious now. There are many actual food allergies, but sometimes, it can be more of a personal dietary choice. We've added upgraded vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options to our wedding menu. In addition, we work with bakers who can accomplish delicious, quality gluten-free desserts.—Russ Moran, General Manager and Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aqueboque

We have always been creative and accommodating. However, we do ask one question: Are the restrictions for the masses or the minority of your guests? Most often, it's because there are a handful of guests that these restrictions accommodate. In those situations, we recommend producing a menu for the majority and our kitchen will produce the same dishes for the dietary restrictions, with the service to match, so it's seamless and unnoticed.—Joseph Longo, Seasons of Southampton

We do have options for gluten-free, non-dairy or nutfree cakes, as well as unconventional dessert options, like cupcake towers, jar sweets, pie tables, doughnut walls, dessert bars/shooters and candy buffets.— Jerri Montillo, Jerri's Cakery & Confections

What do you love most about your job?

Creating a vision, menu, and memorable event, where everything appears seamless, no matter how difficult the journey was. The joy of fulfilling two people's dream wedding, making the almost-impossible possible.—Erin Finley, Sydney's Taylor Made

We're very invested with our clients from the moment

they book the venue to the moment they walk down the aisle. Myself and Russ are here for the beginning of every wedding. From countless emails to food tastings and final meetings, we're always accessible for questions. I personally always stay for the ceremony to say hello and congratulations to each couple and Russ is always here throughout dinner service. We take our jobs very seriously and treat every couple with one-on-one attention, as if they are our only client. —Kate Wiggins, Sales Director, The Vineyards at Aquebogue

I think the best part is taking the couple's dreams and vision for their special day and exceeding that vision. In the past it was with service and phenomenal food, but now it's combined with themed vision. Weddings have gone from the traditional style of yesteryear to flowing themed events. Seasons of Southampton is a blank canvas waiting for the next dream to be painted. Whether it's a winter wonderland in the middle of July, transforming a venue to a scene from The Great Gatsby, to a Hamptons beach wedding. We all have dreams of what our special day will be like, and it's my job to make your dreams materialize. We apply that dream to four main targets: look, feel, taste and sound, to produce the most memorable weddings and events.—Joseph Longo, Seasons of Southampton

It's wonderful to work with people celebrating their big day. With our retail opening in the castle in Westhampton last year, we have created a "happy place" in a fun setting, where couples enjoy tastings and coffee. This April marks our 10-year anniversary, and we are proud to offer delicious art for the East End!—Jerri Montillo, Jerri's Cakery & Confections

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THAW Fest Rings in Spring with Hamptons Arts

oodbye winter and hello THAW Fest, aka The Hamptons Arts Weekend Festival. In celebration of the changing seasons, The Hamptons Arts Network (HAN), a partnership of 19 nonprofit Hamptons cultural and arts organizations, presents the second annual THAW Fest from March 22-24.

"What I'm excited about is that HAN is in its second year of coming together as a cohesive unit to achieve common goals: to rewrite the narrative on the Hamptons as the important cultural mecca it has been for generations; and to welcome visitors from near and far to experience all this unique region has to offer," Parrish Art Museum Director Terrie Sultan explains. To achieve these goals and help stimulate the local

economy in the off-season, THAW Fest features the gamut of East End arts and culture, including theater productions, art exhibitions, films, concerts, garden tours and more.

The festivities kick off on Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. with an epic night of music and dancing to the tunes of DJ Twilo at the Parrish Art Museum. On Sunday, the museum welcomes Hamptons Doc Fest for a screening of Kusama-Infinity: The Life and Art of Yayoi Kusama. The film is followed by a talk between Terrie Sultan and artist John Torreano.

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Bay Street Theater presents an All Star Comedy night featuring top standup comics. On Saturday, rock out to songs by two of the



YAYOI KUSAMA IN "KUSAMA-INFINITY: THE LIFE AND ART OF YAYOI KUSAMA"

'80s biggest acts, performed by cover band Foreigners Journey at 8 p.m.

The schedule for Saturday, is packed with insightful tours of several Hamptons institutions. At 10 a.m., the East Hampton Historical Society will begin a Decorative Arts Tour, curated by Richard Barons, at the historic Mulford Farm. From 11 a.m.-4 p.m., the LongHouse Reserve will offer tours of its expansive garden. At the same time, the Madoo Conservancy will host its own garden tours, which will include a venture into its gallery to view its 25th anniversary exhibition. The Watermill Center leads visitors through a tour at 1 p.m., followed by In Process with artist and composer Marina Rosenfeld. At 3:30 p.m., the Dan Flavin Institute welcomes the public to an open house and tour of the gallery and it's featured exhibition, Keith Sonnier: Dis-Play II.

In addition to the photography exhibit Morris Studio: The Unseen Collection on display this weekend at Southampton History Museum, the museum also hosts THAW Fest's main food event, Local Bites with Amagansett Food Institute, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The fun continues into the afternoon when Guild Hall hosts Straight Talk, Real People with Charnele Brown, best known for portraying Kim Reese in A Different World, at 3 p.m. At 6 p.m., the Hamptons International Film Festival will screen Field of Dreams at Guild Hall to celebrate the film's 30th anniversary. Free tickets must be reserved in advance. The Eastville Community Historical Society hosts a sip and paint with exhibiting artist Michael A. Butler at the Heritage House at 6 p.m. Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival presents world-renowned pianists Orion Weiss and Shai Wosner performing songs by Brahms, Schubert and New York composer David Lang at 5 p.m. at Bridgehampton Presbyterian

THAW Fest marks the closing weekend of the smash-hit ABBA jukebox musical Mamma Mia! at Southampton Cultural Center. Performances take place on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at

On Saturday at 8 p.m., Southampton Arts Center presents Our Songs of the Silver Screen, a concert featuring songs from the golden age of Hollywood sung by Valerie diLorenzo and a choir of local singers. The innovative Takeover! Artists in Residence exhibition

Sunday's festivities include a special open house at the Pollock-Krasner House from 1-4 p.m., where guests can view the exhibition The Permanent Collection: A Thirty-Year Survey, decorate Pollockinspired cookies and create Krasner-inspired collages.

With so much to see in one weekend, the Hamptons Visitor's Council has arranged a free shuttle service to many events on Saturday and Sunday. Get out there and discover the wealth of the East End's off-season

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Drinking Potatoes in Poxabogue

The first thing Marilee Foster wants me to know when we walk into the Sagaponack Farm Distillery off Sagg Road in Poxabogue is, "I am solidly a farmer." Marilee is a sixth-generation, full-time farmer who's taken on distilling as an inevitable sideline. Her big brother, Dean, is off on a well-deserved ski vacation and their distiller Matt Beamer is asleep next door, in the midst of a 21-hour distillation. This leaves Marilee in charge in this rectifying stage of the run, "it's just monitoring. The art of it has already taken place."

The large German-made still is a thing of beauty—a super hot jacket of shining metal and condensing columns worthy of any steampunk exhibition—bubbling away, producing delectable aromas. "It's an old-fashioned design with high-tech accounterments. I like gauges." Spoken like her father Cliff's daughter. Clifford Foster passed away in 2017. He collected—and piloted—antique planes as well as farming contraptions. When Dean and Marilee first got into distilling, their mom, Lee, declared that the farming family had finally "achieved vertical integration!"

A spacious tasting room with windows onto the adjacent distillery is due to open this season. Marilee points out, "It is, in fact, an old dairy barn divided up." A barnwood bar is topped with slices of a mammoth tree cut down on Parsonage Lane in 1984. It's common knowledge this was a tree which an old farmer, who shall remain nameless, crawled under to sober up daily. When the space opens to the public, it will include a patio and the sizeable frontage will be planted in wildflowers, with paths throughout.

Marilee is planting a large rhubarb patch on the property as well. Though it's a beautiful plant, this is not for looks. Rhubarb liqueur is just one of several



POTATO FARMER MARILEE FOSTER MONITERS THE STILL

small-batch products to be sold exclusively at the tasting room. In fact, the team is only waiting on the labels to arrive for the rhubarb liqueur that has already, prior to public release, won a silver medal from the American Distilling Institute. Marilee raided the old rhubarb patch on the main Foster farm, down the road in Sagaponack proper, to make this first batch. Last year, complaints were registered with Marilee at the farmstand about the resulting scarcity of rhubarb.

They're also working on a gin and they already have 53-gallon barrels full of processed Empire Rye aging on-site. Marilee says, "I love rye, so I'm really excited about that—but we hafta wait!" Plus there's a bourbon and a traditional potato whiskey. Marilee describes the gin unabashedly as "absolutely fantastic! We've always grown these crops on the farm, everything

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is 100% from the farm. Why do it if you're not gonna be yourself?"

Traditionally, farmers had to start planting potatoes on St. Patrick's Day—not for the divine blessing but because that was the right time in the calendar, when the earth began to "spring" into action. Since 1995, Marilee has marked "a consistent march" toward a later planting, now in April. This is problematic, in part, because potatoes are a long-season crop and October has become a "flood month." Marilee doesn't like to get into any political discussion of climate change but assures, "This is happening."

And so this family farm team has adapted. Beamer is married to a cousin of the Fosters, so it's "still" one family. First they tried their hands at potato vodka in "a tiny still," and used 10-gallon barrels. Marilee says it wasn't the best vodka but it was clear that "the thing about distilling is that you do get down to the essence of the thing—those are my potatoes! I tasted it. To capture the spirit of our Bridgehampton Loam—the terroir—is really exciting!"

While vodka, by definition, is supposed to be flavorless, nowadays it's widely accepted that an artisan vodka can—and should—have some flavor. Sagaponacka is a "sipping vodka," with great aromas. Marilee recommends imbibing it cold and straight, maybe alongside some of their farm's Tiger Spud Potato Chips. But she has been known to riff on the Moscow mule cocktail—with the "Poxabogue Pony"—made with lemongrass and ginger grown on the farm.

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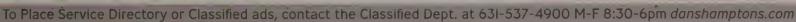
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Andy Cohen Buys in Amagansett!



161 MARINE BOULEVARD IN AMAGANSETT

e have extremely reliable intel that the property at 161 Marine Boulevard in Amagansett, which is an empty 0.56 lot on the ocean, is in the process of being purchased by talk show host, producer and new dad Andy Cohen. The listing is repped by Cindy Shea at Sotheby's, and we've been told that Sarah Jessica Parker helped Cohen pick out the property. (Parker, of course, lives just down the same street.)

It seems like a good buy to us—previous asking price was \$7.25 million just about a year ago and last ask was \$5.9 million. Of course, building new in the Dunes is no joke: setbacks, erosion zones, FEMA compliance,

the pyramid law, but we're sure Cohen can cope with all that

Cohen, of course, is known for the *Real Housewives* mega-franchise, as well as his late-night talk show *Watch What Happens Live*, both on Bravo. He welcomed a son, Benjamin, last month.

Cohen's current Hamptons abode is a lovely home on Noyack Road in Sag Harbor, with a fantastic view of Noyac Bay. A true East Ender, Cohen made news last year by donating generously to the restoration of the Sag Harbor Cinema.

The new purchase should prove to be a good

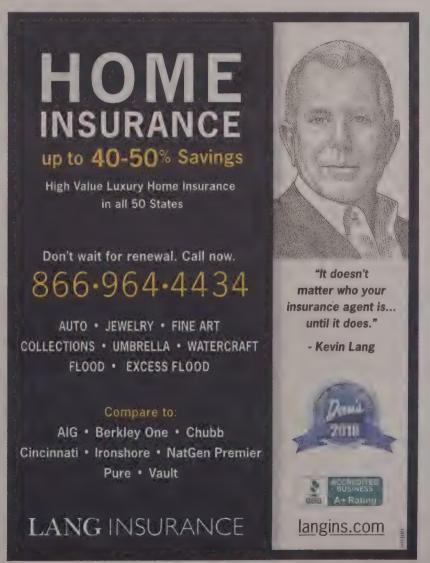
investment: the Amagansett real estate market is strong. The median sales price jumped 74% to \$2.562 million in the fourth quarter of 2018, compared to \$1.467 million the same quarter in 2017. This lot is the only oceanfront property currently for sale in the Dunes, which tends to have smaller plots and lower prices than the Lanes to the west.

Welcome to Amagansett, Andy!

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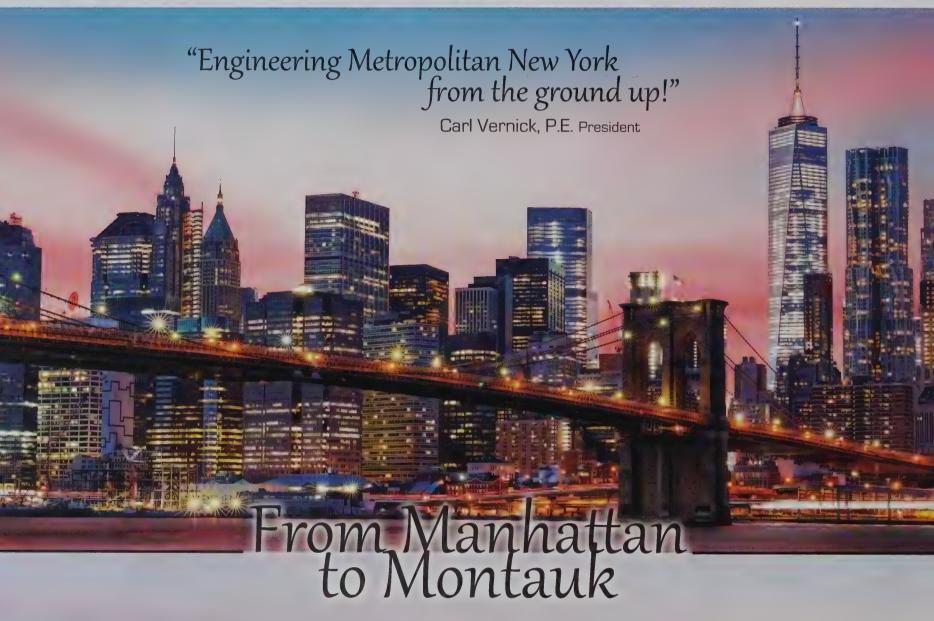
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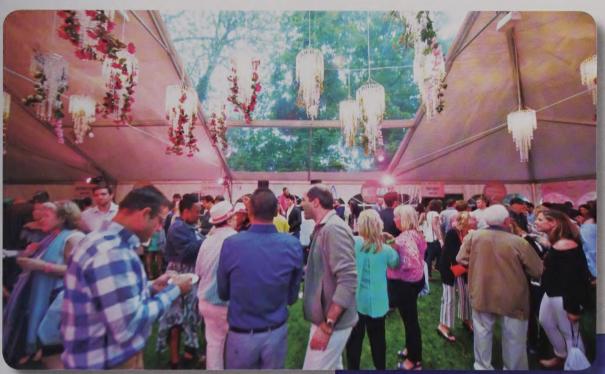
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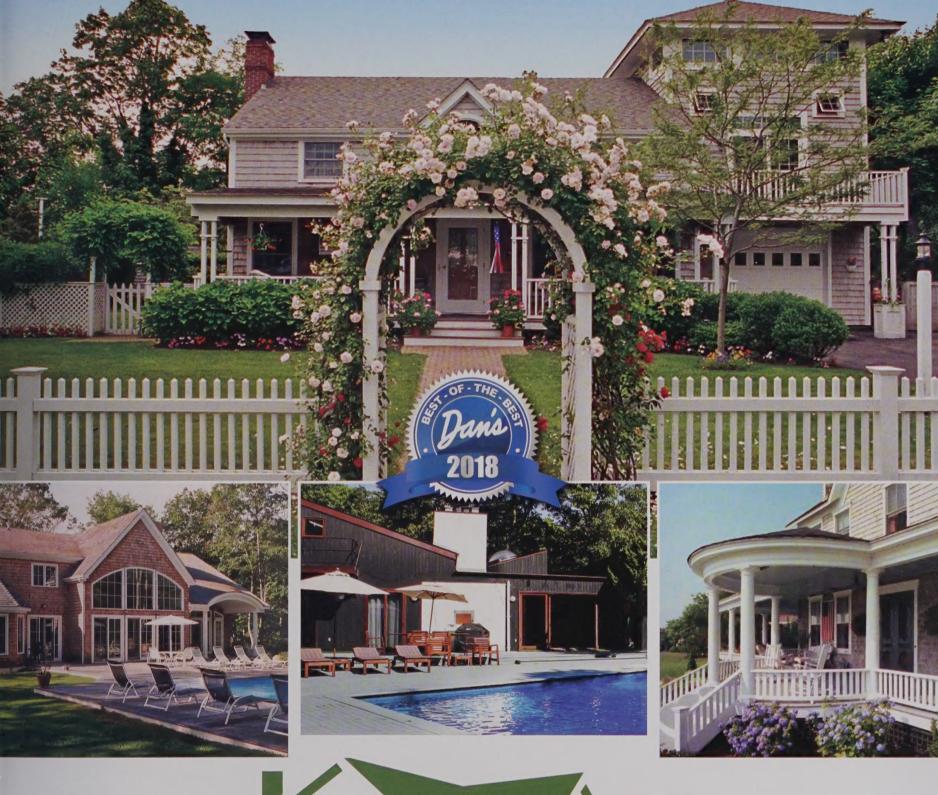
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